Northwest Portland Parking

Zone M Expansion

Portland's Northwest District is a dense and active urban neighborhood situated north of West Burnside Street and west of I-405. The area is home to several busy corridors where commercial and institutional uses are concentrated, surrounded by residential areas. Because the Northwest District is a destination neighborhood, it handles a large volume of traffic from visitors. Along with the area's residents and employers, these visitors create a higher-than-usual demand for on-street parking.

Developing the expansion plan

The City worked with area residents and businesses over several years to develop a plan that addresses the area's parking challenges while maintaining the Northwest District's livability and business vitality. The planning process began in late 2009, when City Council asked the Bureau of Transportation to address the parking challenges in the area by developing an ordinance that would create a meter and permit district, and establish a meter fee. In December 2012, City Council approved an initial Parking Management Plan for Northwest Portland, and approved the latest ordinance in July 2013.

In January 2015 all businesses and residents within the full expanded Zone M area received permit applications in the mail. In February, new Zone M signs were installed. The expanded permit area went into effect in March, and metered parking began in May with meter installation continuing into the summer.



